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MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT.

There is being agitated seriously the consideration of a municipal electric light plant for the city of Shreveport, and as it is being viewed conservatively it is growing in public favor.

Throughout the United States thousands of cities and towns operate municipal electric light plants to the best advantages and at a nominal cost.

The time has come when Shreveport should own and operate a plant that will supply to the municipality all the power for lighting needed and to spare for the use of the people who would expect service from the city.

In the operation of such a plant, equipped with the best modern appliances and facilities, the municipality would in a few years save the expenditure now required to secure light for the city and there would be derived from private users of electric light a revenue that would assure the maintenance and incidentals, besides a profit.

In the consideration of establishing such a plant for Shreveport all the details and costs have been figured by experts who are connected with establishments in the United States who make it a business to erect such plants.

The subject, one of the greatest importance, was discussed a few days since at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and a committee of the members was named to advise with the Mayor and councilmen.

It may be said that there was held a conference between the committee and the council, but what transpired may be given publicity at some later date.

The one fact is positive, and that is that the proposed erection and operation by the City of Shreveport of an electric light plant is assured.

The talk of free gas and factories has been frequently heard, but what could Shreveport not do when it shall own and operate an electric light plant when industrial enterprises can be furnished power at actual cost and when the people can have lights at the lowest price for the making of the light.

INSURGENTS, A MISNOMER.

The application of the term "insurgent" when connected with the representatives of the people in Congress and in State legislatures, means opposition to schemes and to measures submitted or pending for consideration.

The term "insurgent" is a misnomer and may be interpreted as a word of discredit.

As defined in Webster's unabridged an insurgent is "a person who rises in opposition to civil or political authority; one who openly and actively resists the execution of law."

It is associated with "rebel." A rebel is one who revolts from the State or government to which he owes allegiance; one who would rise in violent opposition to the government and to law. While a rebel is an insurgent, all insurgents are not rebels.

Why not discard the word "insurgent" and apply "independent" in its stead?

Independent has a significance directly responsive to, the opposite of bossism. It would appeal more forcefully and directly to all men not in sympathy with class legislation and who favor a government of the people, by and for the people.

Let it be Independent Republicans and Independent Democrats—men free to act and to do for the best interests of all the people without the dictation of bossism; the numerically few who would dominate legislation in the subservience of private interests against the public welfare.

LUZIANNE COFFEE is the South's favorite coffee. Six million pounds used annually. Ask your grocer for it.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Taken up by Charles T. Spilker four miles south of Shreveport, La., and estrayed before me, the undersigned justice of the peace, one small bay mare, about 7 years old, weight about 700 lbs. With two small white spots on left side of neck near the jaw. No other marks or brands visible. The owner will come forward, prove property and pay charges, or the animal will be sold at Keithville, La., on Saturday, December 17, 1910, at 10 o'clock, according to law. J. F. HENDERSON, Justice of the Peace 7th Ward. November 10, 1910.

When you want a strong, clear, fresh, finely flavored coffee, call for LUZIANNE.

Notes and News of Interest

By M. H. W.

The Red Cross Christmas stamp or seal has a very interesting history. It has gained popularity the world over as an emergency relief measure. In 1868 the first "charity stamp" made its appearance in Boston and was designated as the "Boston Sanitary Fair stamp." About the same time a similar stamp was issued in Brooklyn with the inscription, "Brooklyn Sanitary Fair postage." This fair netted \$400,000 to the soldiers' hospital fund. Similar stamps were issued in later years during the civil war, New York, Springfield, Mass., Stamford, Conn., being among the places. After the civil war this method of raising funds was discontinued for a generation although it found vogue in Portugal, Switzerland, Austria, France, Spain and other European countries. At present there are several hundred different types of charity stamps in use in all parts of the world. Stamps were first used for anti-tuberculosis work in Norway and Sweden in 1904. At Copenhagen in the fall of 1904 a committee of fifteen met to discuss a plan for a Christmas stamp. On the recommendation of this committee it was decided to print 2,000,000 stamps and to sell them at two oere each (about 1-2c) the proceeds to go toward the erection of a children's seaside tuberculosis hospital. The commission provided for a profit of about 5c on each sheet of fifty stamps for the local post-offices, but so enthusiastic did the officials become over their work that they sold and handled all the stamps and refused to accept any reward. Four million stamps were sold, or about two for every man, woman and child in Denmark, and the handsome sum of \$20,000 for the hospital. The receipts last year were five times as large. The Danish stamp was really the inspiration of the Red Cross stamp in America. In July 1907 Jacob Riis published in The Outlook the story of the Danish stamp, and called upon the people of this country to adopt some such device to support the national anti-tuberculosis crusade. A little group of women headed by Miss Emily P. Bissell saw the possibilities of the idea. The scheme was launched and within three weeks from December 7 to Christmas nearly 400,000 stamps were sold and nearly \$3000 realized.

In 1908 the American Red Cross printed the stamps and sold them direct to the local agents who were themselves responsible for all stamps left on their hands and who had to do all their own advertising besides. Last year an attempt was made to improve on the conditions of sale. Instead of selling the stamps outright to local agents, the Red Cross furnished as many stamps as might be needed and charged 33 1/3 per cent of gross proceeds. The result was that nearly \$250,000 was realized for the anti-tuberculosis campaign.

Such is the history of the Red Cross stamp. To Jacob Riis, the noted magazine writer and social worker, and to Miss Mabel T. Boardman, one of the leading spirits of the Red Cross Society, are we largely indebted for the growth of the Red Cross stamp movement.

HOME FOR THE HOMELESS. Applications for permanent membership are decided by a majority of the directors voting. Temporary admissions may be made by any member of the board at any time, which will be submitted to the temporary admission committee, any two having power to act. The committee is as follows: Mrs. Sidney Kerley, chairman, Mrs. J. S. Young, Mrs. J. D. Lee, Mrs. J. J. Green, the president, and Mrs. M. L. Scovell, secretary, and Mrs. B. F. Boydston. Board of directors, Mrs. J. D. Lee, Mrs. Mabel Norwood, Mrs. S. Kerley, Mrs. J. J. Green, Mrs. B. F. Boydston, Mrs. P. A. Willis, Mrs. D. Timberlake, Mrs. Nina Vance, Mrs. G. B. Hearne, Mrs. McClure, Mrs. Henry Youree, Mrs. Tily Scovell, Mrs. A. Currie, Mrs. C. Peroncel, Mrs. M. White, Mrs. Krause, Mrs. G. Irons. The directors are elected annually by the membership of the home. Annual election is held the first Thursday in May.

BEREAVEMENT. The death of Mrs. Annie Burt Land occurred Monday morning at Schumpert Memorial Hospital after a brief illness. Apparently in her usual health, without warning she was stricken with paralysis from which she never rallied, though placed at once under the treatment of skilled physicians at the sanitarium, the balm of healing brought no relief.

The distressing news was immediately conveyed to her daughter, Miss Pawnee Butler, who was engaged in teaching in the country, and to her sister, Mrs. Butler of Benton, and brothers, Messrs. Jim and Ed Burt. In agonized suspense they gathered round the couch of suffering, but no sign of returning consciousness, no ray of hope came to cheer them. Death had laid its hand upon her and the end soon came.

Mrs. Land belonged to a prominent old South Carolina family, and was the daughter of Dr. Wm. Miles Burt of Edgefield, S. C., who came to this State some time in the sixties, making a home

for his family in Bossier parish. In June 1875 Miss Burt was married to Capt. Pierce Butler. Of this union there was one child, a daughter. Left a widow in the early years of her married life, this little one was the mother's greatest comfort and joy. After years of widowhood Mrs. Butler became the wife of Thomas T. Land, a planter of Bossier parish, and eldest son of the distinguished jurist, Judge T. T. Land of this city. Her mother's heart warmed to the children of her husband as if they were her own, and the tie of love that bound the family life together under her gentle ruling was tender and true. Again left a widow, she did the things that came to her hands, and again took to her heart the motherless, and did a loving part in helping to rear a family of orphaned nephews and nieces.

Her life was one of love and sacrifice. Her creed the Golden Rule. A devoted member of the Catholic Church she found in its teachings comfort and solace from the sorrows of life.

The funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Holy Trinity church, Father Bertels officiating. In the Catholic cemetery near this city she was laid to rest.

For the sorely bereaved daughter, Miss Pawnee Butler, and to all who loved her, the children of her husband, whose hearts are filled with sorrow, and to her devotee sister and brothers, the deepest sympathy is extended.

FOR THE SOLDIERS HOME.

The U. D. C. Christmas box for the Soldiers Home will be packed Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Pennic Mills, on Milam street. Members and friends interested in contributing to the box are requested to send their contributions in time that the box may not be delayed in getting off. Anything in the line of warm clothing and eatables that can be packed will be acceptable. The last Christmas box was delayed and did not reach the old soldiers until after Christmas, which was a disappointment to them. Let us bestow this Christmas cheer in good time and bounteously, for cut off as they are by age and sickness from active participation in the affairs of life, a little thing means a great deal to them. The Christmas box means as much to the old soldiers as the Christmas stocking does to the children. Let us remember both committee for packing the box is as follows: Mrs. P. Youree, Mrs. M. H. Williams, Mrs. John McCullough, Mrs. Pennic Mills.

CHRISTMAS BOX FOR CHARITY HOSPITAL.

The Pelican Chapter D. A. R. at its meeting on Tuesday discussed the Christmas box for the Charity Hospital, and the regent, Mrs. Youree, appointed a committee of which Mrs. W. G. Daltzell is chairman to take charge of the distribution of the gifts. The exact number of patients in the hospital will be ascertained, men, women and children, and all will be provided with gifts independent of the candies, cakes and fruit. Pelican members are all urged to send their contributions on time to Mrs. John McCullough's on Milam street. The committee will visit the hospital on Saturday, December 24.

CLIPPING OF INTEREST.

The friends of Mrs. G. G. Nesbitt will read with interest of the good work she is doing in her far away home in New Mexico. Mrs. Nesbitt's home from childhood was in Shreveport, her interests and affections were all centered in and around this city, but when Mr. Nesbitt established a home for his family in Las Cruces she became an active church and charity worker there.

Las Cruces, N. M., Dec. 3.—Mrs. G. G. Nesbitt of this city has taken up the matter of supplying the deserving children of the town with clothes which they need and will make a Christmas affair of it. She has conferred with Prof. J. H. Wagner, superintendent of the public schools, and he has asked all of the teachers in the city to make a list of the children in their respective rooms who need shoes, clothing and outer wraps. Mrs. Nesbitt, with the aid of a number of other Las Cruces women, will make a systematic canvass of the town and near locality and endeavor to secure gifts of clothing, shoes, etc., which will be of service to those children who are in need of winter wear. This move, in connection with the Elks' Lodge fund, will make a great many children of this city happy on December 24. Clothing is what is wanted most, but toys, candy and fruit will be accepted in addition. The main idea, however, is to try and arrange so that children need not have to come to school during the cold weather in their bare feet and with out a coat or sweater for protection.

APPROACHING NUPTIALS. Handsome engraved invitations to the marriage of Miss Clara Lowenstein of Waco, Texas, to Mr. Philip Lieber of this city have been received. The invitation reads: "Mrs. Carrie Lowenstein invites you to be present at the marriage of her daughter Clara to Mr. Philip Lieber on the evening of Wednesday, December 21, 1910, at 8 o'clock, Temple Dodef Shalom, Waco, Texas. At home, Shreveport, La."

CHRISTMAS STAMPS.

There are no Red Cross stamps for sale in Shreveport this season. Last

winter Mrs. John Shuttleworth undertook the sale of thousands of these pretty seals for the anti-tuberculosis society, but the difficulty of making collections for sales rendered it an almost impossible task to make a correct report. If assisted in this work properly, here in her own town, Mrs. Shuttleworth might be willing to undertake the sale of the Red Cross stamps next winter.

At the end of the first week in December the National Antituberculosis Society announced that over 90,000,000 holiday stamps had been put on sale and that the demand for them was greater than ever before. The stamps were printed at the rate of \$500,000 a day.

PELICAN CHAPTER D. A. R.

The December meeting of Pelican Chapter D. A. R. was held with Mrs. John McCullough Tuesday afternoon. The meeting was opened with a beautiful tribute from the regent, Mrs. Youree, to the memory of Mrs. Nellie Long Foster, the beloved first regent of the chapter, and at the time of her death State vice-regent D. A. R. Sorrow was in every heart, with the realization of the great loss that not only the chapter has sustained in Mrs. Foster's death, but the loss of her as a personal friend and a power for good in the community. Resolutions on the death of Mrs. Foster had been prepared by Mrs. John Land, chairman of the committee, and spread upon the minute book.

Mrs. Youree stated that the Pelican Chapter would continue its Christmas work at the Charity Hospital and asked the members to send in their gifts early. The historical magazine D. A. R. will be furnished to the public school library by the chapter.

A telegram of welcome into D. A. R. circles was sent to Mrs. O. W. Haywood of Jennings who has just effected the organization of a chapter.

Mrs. McCullough was assisted in her beautiful entertainment of the chapter by her sister, Mrs. Field, and her cousin, Mrs. Gerard Barr. Fragrant narcissus bloomed upon the tables and the "breath of the garden" was enjoyed during the social hour in the dining room where sandwiches, confections and tea were daintily served.

RESULTS OF THE BAZAAR.

The bazaar held the first week in December by the ladies composing the Guild of St. Mark's church was most successful. The result summed up the handsome amount of \$200.

MARKET FOR THE MISSION SOCIETY.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the past week the ladies of the Home Mission Society of the First Methodist church served dinners and suppers, and judging from the crowded appearance of their dining hall they were deservedly successful. There are famous house-keepers composing the mission society workers and the good things they make are without number. A market was conducted Saturday afternoon and delicacies sold for Sunday's dinner.

CHRISTMAS TREE FOR TRAINING SCHOOL.

Mrs. Mackey and the bright happy girls of the Shreveport Training School for Girls are planning for a Christmas tree. So let generous friends remember them. Little gifts, bright balls and tinsel for decoration will be acceptable, with anything else one may wish to send. Remember there is a circle of a beautiful family life at the school, and the good gracious things we do for our own home circle are the things that should be done for them.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. W. K. Henderson Sr. is daily looking for the arrival of her daughter, Mrs. Dunkin, of Seattle, who, like all dear daughters, is coming home for Christmas.

Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter will leave today for a Christmas visit to her mother near Meridian, Miss.

Among the teachers from the country schools attending the monthly meeting of the teachers' association Saturday were Mr. Monerick, principal of the Greenwood school, and his assistant, Miss Harkrider; Miss Girod, principal of the Jewella school, and Miss Zodie Billingsley who has the school at Gayle.

Prof. Fisher, principal of the Arcadia high school, was in town Saturday and present at the teachers' association meeting at the high school building.

Regulating Meat Barons.

Henry VIII. would have known how to deal with the French butchers who are said to be combining to keep up the price of meat. In 1535, according to Stowe, he issued an ordinance "that butchers should sell their beefe and mutton by weight, beefe for a half penny the pound and mutton for 3 farthings. At this time also, and not before, there were forraine butchers permitted to sell their flesh in Leadenhall market of London."—London Chronicle.

BIDS INVITED.

Bids are hereby invited for building bent bridge 60 feet long in Ward Five over Cross bayou on Mooringsport and Greenwood road according to parish specifications. Bids to be opened at the Police Jury meeting the second Thursday in January 1911. Jury reserves the right to reject any and all bids. W. T. CRAWFORD, Pres. A. L. DURINGER, Clerk.

The View of It

In This Space Any Subject or Event May Receive Comment.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Woman's Foreign Mission Society of Noel Memorial church held its regular meeting on Monday, December 5, at 3:30 p.m. The devotional service was led by rs. A. W. Baird, who read for a scripture lesson the third chapter of St. John dwelling very beautifully upon the aspect of love.

An impressive prayer she especially implored God's mercy upon the two members who are ill, Mrs. Dr. Munday and Mrs. E. Miller.

Mrs. B. Noel read an interesting article giving data as to what called the mission field many of our eminent missionaries. After which the leader called for an expression of opinion as to the possibility of teaching children missions. This was a weighty subject, but it was generally agreed in various ways that it was beneficial. Although it would seem more sensible to keep the sorrows and woes of the world from the ears of children.

It may be asserted that the constant dwelling on the heathenishness of the heathens gives a downward tendency and is apt to carry children lower down in the grade of life, and will eventually submerge the respectable class.

Mrs. J. G. Snelling read an extract from "A Charge from the King" it being a message from the World's Missionary Congress. A transcript will not come amiss: "It was on the evening of the 14th, 1910, in Edinburg, lovingly termed by Scott 'mine own romantic town.' Even the casual visitor can not escape the spell of its noble beauty and its poetic history. Its bonnie Prince Charley and the Douglas; its unfortunate Queen Mary, its heroic Montrose and Carlyle."

All too true, the spell is wrought. Bonnie Prince Charley and Douglas tender and true loom up. But today can we linger in the hazy maize of times so long ago? Oh no, we live today, and must look to see whether the tide is drifting. When we read:

"An unique company of twelve hundred pilgrims are gathered in the assembly hall. From every quarter of the globe they come, the silk-robed Chinese scholar and the barefoot monk of some holy Protestant order, archbishop in court dress and battle scarred missionary. German educator, of world wide reputation and turbaned Hindoo convert. Titled lords with orders blazing on their breasts and American circuit riders; alert laymen and high souled women; specialists in every line of missionary administration, representing wide differences of nationality and of creed, all have their place in this wonderful assembly" causes "the question to arise in the mind: What is the enterprise that can command the allegiance of such wide variety of experience and such a sum of wisdom and statesmanship? It might be answered that the march of time through centuries has made it possible for mind to subvert matter. That it is aspiration, leading mind to seek mind, and only in the crowded assembly can the sum of wisdom and statesmanship be solved.

All creed and nationality may for the time being be forgotten, but still they exist on this earth, and when the assembly is over, creed and nationality will assert themselves, and the greatest of these is nationality.

At the World's Missionary Conference the imagination could be swayed by the impressive moment, but reason asks: Do we read the message of the King in the light of the twentieth century?

Or have the learned and great groped too long in the pages of history which portrays the ages gone?

But life is life, and no pen can give the throbbing impulses that forced men into action, and make man the prey of man.

The World's Missionary Conference is over, from afar comes the call to higher missions to all Christians.

Uphold the higher civilization of today, to maintain the Christian religion in our own beloved country.

It might be asked: What profits it if the gospel is sent by America to the whole world if it dies out in our own native land?

But to return to the Foreign Mission Society. The reading from a message from the missionary conference closed the devotional service.

Mrs. J. S. Noel, first vice president, took the chair and the business session began.

After some remarks the first vice president called the treasurer, Miss Mansfield for report, which met all requirements.

Next in order was the minutes which were necessarily short as the secretary was absent at the previous meeting. However, the minutes were approved. After transaction of miscellaneous business the society was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. J. G. Snelling.

If it's bill heads you are looking for, or may be a supply of letter heads or an outfit of envelopes, you can do no better than let us fix 'em. Phone 1000.

THE POLICE JURY

Official Proceedings of the Session Held Thursday, December 8, 1910.

Shreveport, La., Dec. 8, 1910.—The Police Jury of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, met this 8th day of December 1910, at 10 a.m., in regular and legal session, with the following members present: R. T. Douglas, W. W. Wynn, S. B. Burney, J. M. Miller, J. C. Mahlen, Wm. W. Winter, Geo. A. Poleman, A. J. Scott, F. C. Nagle, J. A. Sebastian and T. B. Moss. Absent: W. T. Crawford, J. F. Fisher and B. B. Smith.

Mr. Douglas moved, seconded by Mr. Poleman, that William Winter be called to preside in the absence of W. T. Crawford, president. Carried.

On motion of Mr. Douglas, duly seconded and carried, the minutes of November 10, 1910, were adopted as published.

Committee granted further time on the two roads in Ward One.

Matter of appropriation to Eye, Ear, and Nose Hospital at New Orleans continued; also salary for parish health officer.

Committee on purchase of gravel pit granted further time.

Bids for grading road from Keithville south to the parish line were then read: George Epple—For each cubic yard embankment 17 1/2 cents. For each cubic yard of excavation 17 1/2 cents. Grubbing and clearing included in above bid. For each lineal foot of bridging with concrete posts \$3.45. The above work to be under the supervision of engineer in charge per profile and specifications.

L. B. Constant—For the price of 20 cents per cubic yard, including necessary grubbing and clearing of same and in case of dirt being scarce in heavy fills, in right-of-way extra dirt will be furnished by you. Estimates to be made by your engineer on first of each month less 25 per cent to be reserved by you until completion of the contract. Terms of payment cash.

M. M. Hunt—For excavating 15 cents per cubic yard. For embankment 15 cents per cubic yard. For clearing and grubbing \$30.00 per acre.

By Mr. Mahlen: That the bids be submitted to a committee of three to investigate and report back to the jury, viz.: Mahlen, Miller and Nagle.

Whereupon they returned with the recommendation to the jury of the acceptance of the bid of George Epple.

By Mr. Scott: That the jury adopt the report of the committee and the contract be awarded to George Epple. Carried.

On motion of Mr. Scott, contract for pile bridge at Jolly place in Ward Two was awarded to A. W. Hill at \$25 per foot.

At this stage of the proceedings Mr. Crawford, president, being present, Mr. Winter vacated the chair and Mr. Crawford proceeded with the meeting.

Bids were then opened for the six bridges in Ward One as follows:

Bids for steel bridges—C. Q. Horton, total \$6,023. Austin Brothers \$6,004. M. S. Hasic Jr., \$5,677. R. E. L. Shaw \$6,212. El Paso Bridge Co. \$6,500. Missouri Valley Bridge & Iron Company \$6,011.

North Texas Fridge Co. \$6,025. Vincennes Bridge Co. \$7,100. Penn Bridge Co. \$6,111. Midland Bridge Co. \$6,736.

Bids for wooden bridges—A. W. Hill at \$2.35 per foot. M. A. Wasson \$2.25 per foot. S. J. Demass \$2.45 per foot.

By Mr. Douglas: That the above bids be submitted to a committee of three to investigate and report back.

The president appointed Douglas, Winter and Wynn. Whereupon the said committee returned with the following report: "We find M. A. Wasson the lowest bidder on wooden bridges and M. S. Hasic Jr. on steel bridges."

By Mr. Winter: That the above report be accepted and M. S. Hasic Jr. be awarded contract for steel bridges at \$5,677.00.

Substitute by Mr. Miller that the jury reject the steel proposition and adopt M. A. Wasson's bid for wooden bridges. Vote being called on the substitute resulted as follows:

Nays: Douglas, Wynn, Winter, Poleman, Sebastian, Crawford—6. Ayes: Burney, Miller, Mahlen, Scott, Nagle, Moss—6.

There being a tie, the president called for a vote on the original motion of Mr. Winter for steel bridges under Article IV of the Rules of the Jury.

The vote stood as follows: Ayes: Douglas, Wynn, Winter, Poleman, Sebastian, Crawford—6. Nays: Burney, Miller, Mahlen, Scott, Nagle, Moss—6.

There being a second tie, no further consideration of the bridge question was taken at this session.

Mr. Moss was on motion authorized to sell ferry boat at Red Bluff to W. J. Hutchinson for \$12.00.

Matter of road estimate between Twelve Mile bayou and Blind bayou continued.

WARD TWO.

Mr. Burney called the attention of the jury to the Richardson Oil Company's pipe line from Oil City to Vivian and the matter was referred to the district attorney.

Matter of dedication to road from